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The Honorable Richard A. Meserve, Chairman U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Mail Stop O-16 C1 Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: Comments on SECY-02-0067, "Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and

Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) for Operational Programs (Programmatic

ITAAC)"

REFERENCE: Letter from J. Colvin, Nuclear Energy Institute, to R. Meserve dated

May 13, 2002

Dear Chairman Meserve,

The purpose of this letter is to express Exelon Generation Company's strong concern with the NRC's proposal in SECY-02-0067. Exelon Generation Company has actively participated in discussions between the NRC and the industry regarding the development of a predictable and efficient process for new nuclear plant licensing and construction, including discussions involving ITAAC. Exelon Generation Company fully supports the industry views presented in the above referenced letter, with emphasis that SECY-02-0067 does not describe a process that has a defined purpose or scope, does not address all of the industry's concerns, and will not add any regulatory or safety value above the regulations and processes that currently exist.

In brief, the Nuclear Energy Institute stated that programmatic ITAAC were not necessary because 1) it was not the Congress' intent, nor that of the Atomic Energy Act or Part 52 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations to require programmatic ITAAC; in fact during rulemaking, the topic was addressed and the Commission stated that combined license ITACC should not include ITAAC on operational programs, 2) the need for programmatic ITAAC had not been clearly established, 3) the NRC already had adequate authority and ability to make the findings required by law to issue a combined license under Part 52, and 4) the question of programmatic ITAAC was not a safety issue, but rather a policy issue to decide whether an additional determination beyond existing NRC inspection and enforcement activities was required.

We encourage the Commission to seek resolution of this issue that will result in the predictable and efficient process for which 10 CFR Part 52 was originally envisioned.

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Exelon Generation Company endorses the views as presented by the Nuclear Energy Institute and further encourages the Commission to give careful consideration to the industry views in its decision.

Sincerely,

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